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FM AMEMBASSY LIMA

TO /SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6577

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SUBJECT: CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT - SITREP 4

1. AS FAR AS CAN BE DETERMINED THE COUNTRY IS CALM. THERE IS ABSOLUTE QUIET IN AREQUIPA AND THE SITUATION IN THE NORTH IS SAID TO BE UNDER CONTROL. THE PALACE AREA IS SEALED OFF BY POLICE. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT VELASCO IS IN THE PALACE GIVING HIS FAREWELLS TO SOME CABINET OFFICIALS AND THAT HE HAS ACCEPTED THE SITUATION. TROOPS ARE CONFINED TO QUARTERS.

2. THINGS APPEAR TO BE STALLED AT THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AS DELEGATES ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW EVENTS AND PERHAPS SEEK INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION QUESTION. SOME AT NAC HAVE SPECULATED THAT NEW PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ MIGHT EVEN ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE.

3. RUMORS OF CABINET CHANGES ARE CIRCULATING, ONE OF THESE BEING CIVILIAN JOSE LUIS BROUSSET AS MINISTER OF FINANCE.

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IS SAID THAT MORALES BERMUDEZ WILL HOLD A 4 O'CLOCK PRESS CON-

REFERENCE AT WHICH TIME SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS MAY TAKE PLACE.

4. THERE IS EUPHORIA AMONG SOME ELEMENTS OF THE CITIZENRY INCLUDING APRA AND AP PARTIES, AND LIMA'S MIDDLE AND UPPER CLASSES. SOME OF THOSE CLOSE TO MORALES BERMUDEZ TALK OF REESTABLISHMENT OF PRESS FREEDOMS. SOME EVEN MENTION RETURN OF PRESS TO FORMER OWNERS. THIS ATTITUDE REFLECTS TODAY'S EUPHORIA.

5. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS BUT HAS NOT CONFIRMED THAT THERE WILL BE EIGHT P.M. CURFEW.

6. VELASCO IS SAID TO HAVE STATED THAT HE IS NOT BEING DETAINED.
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